

2015-2016 NJ FFA State Association Calendar of Events

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In Cooperation with New Jersey Department of Education

Details on events are made available to every teacher of agriculture at least one month before the event on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board: <http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/events.htm>. Due dates for applications are absolute. Applications must be postmarked by the date indicated or they will not be accepted. Pre-registration with payment by due dates is required. Applications, registrations and announcements outlined in this calendar can be accessed through the State Activity Guide on the NJ Agricultural Education website. All registrations should be sent to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us. *If a deadline falls on the weekend or a state holiday, the deadline is extended to the next business day. Member of the Month applications must be physically in the office by 2:00 pm on the day of the state meeting (except January which must be physically in the office by 7:30 am the day of the meeting).

2015

- September 1 **September Member of the Month Applications due (5.001)**
 Tuesday
- September 14 **State Association Monthly Meeting**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
 Monday 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st Floor Board Room, 4:00 pm
- September 15 **Pre-registration for Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conference due**
 Tuesday Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference, and State Greenhand Conference (6.000b)
- September 18 **Registration for Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference due**
 Friday
- September 18-20 **Eastern Regional FFA Career Development Events**
 Fri. - Sun. Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA.
- September 25 **Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference**
 Friday Rutgers EcoComplex - 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200
- New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting** (following Ag Ed Conference)
- September 28 **State FFA Executive Board Work Session**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
 Monday 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm
- September 30 **Star State Award Applications Due**
 Wednesday (Greenhand – 14.016a and Chapter – 14.016b)
- September 30 **Program Affiliation Contracts Due**
 Wednesday
- October 1 **October Member of the Month Applications due (5.001)**
 Thursday
- Chapter Officer List due (1.004a)**
 CHAPTER OFFICER NAMES, ADDRESSES, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS
(REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER)
- October 5 **State FFA Association Monthly Meeting**, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
 Monday 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm

Reminder: Collect Ag Education Student Information Data (due May 15)

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/AgStuCareerIntReportForm.xls

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| October 9-10 Fri. – Sat. | Leadership Experience and Development Conference Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference & State Greenhand Conference, Wyndham Garden Trenton, 1 West Lafayette Street, Trenton, NJ 08608 |
| October 13 Tuesday | State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Board Room, 6:00 pm |
| October 14 Wednesday | State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |
| October 15 Thursday | Pre-registration for Fall Career Development Events due (7.000b) |
| October 19 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| Oct. 28-Oct. 31 Wed. - Sat. | 88th National FFA Convention and National FFA Career Development Events Louisville, KY |
| November Tuesday | New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm (tentative) |
| November 1 Sunday* | Membership Roster Due Using Ag Career Network |
| November 1 Sunday* | November Member of the Month Application due (5.001) |
| November 1 Sunday* | Pre-registration for 212° Conference due (9.003a) |
| November 2 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Board Room, 4:00 pm |
| November 16 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| November 17-21 Tues. - Sat. | National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention New Orleans, LA |
| November 19 Thursday | Fall Career Development Events , School of Environmental and Biological Sciences 9:30 am -1:30 pm 1. Land Judging 2. Milk Quality and Products 3. Turf Management 4. Fruits and Vegetables Identification |
| November TBA Saturday | New Jersey FFA Alumni Turkey Trot 5K TBA |
| December 1 Tuesday | December Member of the Month Application due (5.001) Program of Activities due (1.004b) (REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER CHARTERS) |
| December 7 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Board Room, 4:00 pm |
| December 9 Wednesday | State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |

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| December 12 Saturday | 212° Conference Rutgers University 8:30 am – 7:30 pm |
| December 21 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
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| January Tuesday | New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm (tentative) |
| January 1 Friday* | January Member of the Month Application due (5.001) |
| January 4 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm <i>*Date might change based on state officer ILSSO schedule</i> |
| January 4 Monday | Reminder: Collect Ag Education Student Information Data (due May 15) http://www.jerseyeducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/AgStuCareerIntReportForm.xls |
| January 12 Tuesday | State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |
| January 15 Friday | Pre-registration for State Officer Candidate School due (9.004a) |
| January 22 Friday | State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop , Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200, 6:00 pm |
| January 25 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| January 30 Saturday | State Officer Candidates' School , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm <i>(Snow date: February 7)</i> |
| February 1 Monday* | February Member of the Month Application due (5.001) Pre-registration for Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event due (2.001a) Chapter Nominations for Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award due to State Office (Honorary – 14.019 and Distinguished – 14.018) |
| February 1 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor Board Room, 4:00 pm |
| February 2-4 Tuesday – Thur. | New Jersey Agricultural Convention & Trade Show and Annual State Agricultural Convention Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ |
| February 3 Wednesday | New Jersey Ag Ed Advisory Council Meeting (at State Ag Convention) Harrah's Waterfront, Atlantic City, NJ 1:30 pm |
| February 10 Wednesday | State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |
| February 15 Monday* | Pre-registration for NJ FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE due (13.003a) (NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION) |
| February 20-27 Sat. – Sat. | National FFA Week – Chapter promotion of FFA |

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| February 22 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| February 25 Thursday | Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event |
| February 25- 28 Thursday-Sunday | State Officer Fuel-Up Conference State Convention Planning North Wildwood, NJ |
| March 1 Tuesday | March Member of the Month application due (5.001) Pre-registration for Online Farm Business Management, Forestry, & Meat Evaluation CDEs due (10.000a) Landscape Design Plans (13.004) due into the State Office |
| March 7 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Board Room, 4:00 pm |
| March 11 Friday | Floral Design Career Development Event Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550, 10:00 am |
| March 11-12 Fri. - Sat. | NJ FFA Horticultural Expo Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550 |
| March 15 Tuesday | Nominating Committee Application Due (14.004) State and American Degree Applications are due (State Degree – 14.007) Proficiency Award Applications Due – available on www.ffa.org Pre-registration for Spring Career Development Events due (13.001a) |
| March 15 Tuesday | New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm (tentative) |
| March 21 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture Webinar |
| March 22 Tuesday | Proficiency, American & State Degree Selection Committee NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm |
| March 30 Wednesday | Farm Business Management, Forestry & Meat Evaluation CDEs Administered Online (MyCAERT.com) |
| April 1 Friday | Applications are due for the following awards presented at the convention: The following applications can also be found on the New Jersey FFA Website at <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State FFA Scholarship Applications (14.008) 2. Advisor of the Year Application (14.009) 3. National Chapter Award Application Form I and Form II available on www.ffa.org 4. Superior Chapter Application (National Chapter Award Form I) 5. Most Improved Chapter Application (15.014) 6. Member of the Year Application (5.001) 7. FFA Week Application (15.013) |

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8. **Essay Event (14.024)** Four typewritten copies of essay need to be submitted.
9. **WLC Scholarship Application (14.022)**
10. **Blue Jackets Bright Futures Application (14.010)**
11. **Princeton Agricultural Association Leadership Award (14.025)**
12. **8,000 Hour Challenge/Outstanding Service Project Award (14.026)**
13. **National Convention Scholarship Application Due (14.021)**
14. **State Talent Application (14.027)**
15. **Hall of States (14.030)**
16. **Chapter Challenge (14.028)**

April 1
Friday

Honorary American Degree for Teachers due to the State Office

Pre-registration for Livestock/Dairy Judging CDEs due (12.007b & 12.008b)

April Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

Agriscience Fair Registration, Application, and Written Report due (16.001b)

(Please note – 3 copies of the written report are due with the application) Only National Agriscience Fair registrations, application and report will be accepted!

April 4
Monday

State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor Board Room, 4:00 pm

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April 7
Thursday

Applications Judged by State Awards Selection Committee, NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 1st floor,
Board Room. 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

April 8
Friday

Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names pre-registered for State Convention/Career Development Events due for 87th State FFA Convention. Advisor Assurance Forms are due with Convention Registration. Registration for the events listed below are due and included on the registration form.

1. **3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003) (Speeches due April 8th)**
Ten typewritten copies of speeches (**with cover page to include Title of Speech, Contestant, Chapter and State, and Name of Event**) due at State FFA Office on this date for distribution to judges. *Those who do not submit 10 copies of their speech on time will not be registered to compete.*
2. **Demonstration (Ten copies of outline Due April 8th) (14.006)**
3. **Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest**
4. **Creed**
5. **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**
6. **Portable Exhibit (14.005)**
7. **Job Interview (14.017) (Job Interview materials due April 8th)**
Ten copies of resume, cover letter and 3 letters of reference are due at State FFA Office on this date for distribution to judges. *Those who do not submit 10 copies of their materials on time will not be registered to compete.*
8. **Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio due April 8th)**
Rules
9. **Official Ceremonies (15.015)**

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10. **FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016)**
11. **Artwork Competition (15.018)**
12. **Teach Agriculture Event (14.029) (10 copies of Lesson Plan due April 8th)**
13. **Marketing Plan CDE (12.022) (10 copies of written plan due)**

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| April 12 Tuesday | State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |
| April 13 Wednesday | State Alumni Meeting and State Officer Retiring Address Workshop , NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor Auditorium, 5:00 pm |
| April 18 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| April 21 Thursday | Spring Career Development Events School of Environmental and Biological Sciences 9:30 am -1:30 pm <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems 2. Floriculture 3. Nursery/Landscape 4. Ag Sales 5. Environmental and Natural Resources 6. Veterinary Science |
| April 27 Wednesday | Agriscience Fair , Rutgers EcoComplex, 3:00 – 6:00 pm |
| April-TBA Saturday | State FFA Livestock Career Development Events Delaware Valley University, Doylestown, PA, 8:15 am-3:00 pm |
| April/May TBA | State FFA Food Science & Technology, Agronomy & Poultry Evaluation Career Development Events Eastern PA FFA Day, Lebanon, Pennsylvania |
| April/May-TBA Saturday | State FFA Dairy Career Development Events Location TBA |
| May 1* Sunday | May Member of the Month Application due (5.010) State Officer Applications Due (15.001) |
| May 2 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st Floor Board Room, 4:00 pm |
| May 16 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 2 nd Floor Room 206, 4:00 pm |
| May 15* Sunday | Ag Education Student Data Information Due |
| May 22-24 Sun. – Tue. | State officer set up and practice for state convention |
| May 25 Wednesday | New Jersey Ag Ed Council Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 1:00 pm |
| May 25 Wednesday | New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, 6:00 pm |

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May 25-27
Wed.-Fri.

87th State FFA Convention

Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ

*Dates Subject to Change

Pre-registration required. *Events to be held:*

1. 3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003)
(Registration and 10 copies of speech Due April 8th)
2. Demonstration (14.006) (Registration and five copies of outline Due April 8th)
3. Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest (Registration Due April 8th)
4. Creed (15.006) (Registration Due April 8th)
5. Extemporaneous Public Speaking (Registration Due April 8th)
6. Portable Exhibit (14.005) (Application Due April 8th)
7. Job Interview (14.017) (Registration and 10 copies of materials Due April 8th)
8. Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio Due April 8th)
9. Official Ceremonies (15.015) (Registration Due April 8th)
10. Tractor Driving (15.002) (Registration and Safety Assurance Due April 8th)
11. Landscape Design (13.004) (Registration due March 1st)
12. FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016)
13. Art Competition (15.018)
14. Teach Agriculture Event (14.029)
15. Hall of States Exhibit Event (14.030)

June 1
Wednesday

Pre-registration for Summer Career Development Events (12.003b)

Horse Judging, Dairy Handlers & Tractor Driving (TBA)

National Convention State Block Rooms Needed and CDE Declaration Forms due

June 1
Wednesday

June Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

June 6
Monday

State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. Of Agriculture

369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st Floor Board Room, 4:00 pm

June 8
Wednesday

State Alumni Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

June 11-12
Sat. - Sun.

State Officer Leadership Training Conference, sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni
Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200

June 20
Monday

State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

June 28
Tuesday

New Jersey FFA Golf Tournament

(Tentative)

June 29- July 1
Wed. - Fri.

BLAST Off - State Officer Training Conference

Mercer Soil Conservation District

July 11
Monday

State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, NJ, 1st floor Auditorium, 9 am

July 12
Tuesday

State FFA Foundation Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

July 18
Monday

State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm

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| July TBA | Tractor Driving Event (TBA) |
| July TBA | Dairy Handlers' Career Development Event (TBA) |
| July TBA | Horse Judging Career Development Event (TBA) |
| July 25-30 Mon. – Sat. | State Presidents' Conference , Washington, D.C. (arrive on the 25 th and leave on the 30 th) |
| July 30 – August 4 Sun.-Thurs. | National Leadership Conference for State Officers , Virginia |
| August 1 Monday | National Convention Participant List, Room List, Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Code of Conducts Due to State Office |
| August 4 - 6 Thurs. – Sat. | State Officer 360° Training , TBA |
| August 8 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, NJ, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 9:00 am |
| August 10 Wednesday | State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |
| August 15 Monday | Big E Gate Passes & Parking Requests Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089 |
| August 15 Monday | Big E CDE & Star Registration, Waivers and Event Materials Due to Big E Coordinator 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089 |
| August 22 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Street, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |

Future National FFA Convention Dates:



Louisville, KY
Oct. 28-31, 2015

Indianapolis, IN
Oct. 19-22, 2016
Oct. 25-28, 2017
Oct. 24-27, 2018

FFA Mission Statement

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Definition of Agricultural Education for New Jersey

"Agricultural Education prepares people for careers and professional leadership in production, processing, marketing, and distribution of agricultural products, and for related careers in plant and animal technology (including aquatic life), economics, education, mechanics and engineering, natural resources and environmental technology, politics and sociology, and international relations and trade."

Definition of Supervised Agricultural Experience - SAE

"Planned, documented, practical activities conducted outside of the *classroom/laboratory instruction* time in which students develop and apply agricultural knowledge and skills." These experiences (Exploratory, Research/Experimentation and Analysis, Placement, and Ownership/Entrepreneurship) are individualized to meet the needs of a diverse student clientele, and they are supervised by teachers, employers, parents/guardians, and/or other adults who assist students in achieving their objectives.

"The New Jersey FFA

Association is a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the state FFA constitution, bylaws or policies."